



THE TRESTLE BOARD

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From the East

Dear Brethren,

Here I sit on the last day of November, the day before this Treastle Board goes out, with a million thoughts running through my mind. Planning the next year's activities, building unity through committees, working together with our Eastern Stars, Commandery, Rainbow Girls and DeMolay Boys to build a better home, trying to visualize where our Temple is headed, and how to spread the light of Freemasonry.

Well, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Charles R. Murphy has chosen "REACH" for the theme of this masonic year. I'm sure his choice was made only after long and careful thought. I'm equally sure that it means not only to "REACH" out within our fraternity, but outside of it to our family, friends, and community at large.

Expanding on MWB Murphy's theme, I have chosen "Give It Away" as the theme for Medina Lodge this year. With a shrinking economy, and tough times for many this year giving is more important than ever.

Brethren, we as masons have all heard the lessons taught on our masonic journey, but have we all learned them? Have we made them a part of our daily lives? I'm sure we have all done good deeds through the years, and have made many sacrafices, especially for our kids, but there is still work to be done, and together as a lodge, as a family of masonic bodies in Medina, we can make a difference.

I look forward to working with each of you to make our lodge, our community, and our country a better place. Medina Lodge has played a roll in shaping my life, and it is my sincerest hope to "Give It Away" to all with whom I come in contact.

I hope to see you at our annual installation Saturday, December 6, 2008. We will have a family dinner at 6:00 pm followed by the installation ceremony at 7:00pm.

Fraternally,

WB Douglas Shuler, Worshipful Master Elect



THE LODGE ROOM

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From The West

Brethren,

Our installation is almost upon us! The change of officers is similar to the celebrations of the solstice and equinox; a time for beginnings and endings. It is a time for us to map out a plan for the future. It is imperative that the brethren participate in the planning and decisions that face our lodge this year. New directions will be established and we need the input, ideas, direction and participation of our members.

We are presently gathering data to allow us to make informed choices for the direction of the lodge and our temple. Several committees are being formed to gather this data and to present and evaluate options. There is no question that our lodge will move forward; it is more a question of where and how! First, is it possible to obtain enough funding to allow us to repair the building and keep up with the maintenance so that we can stay in the present temple? If not, what are the options, where do we go, what do we do and how quickly do we need to do it? A rough evaluation of our present finances would indicate that we only have two to three years to make these decisions! It is almost too late to evaluate and make the choices.

Many Masonic lodges and other fraternal organizations are being faced with similar issues; with the new millennium, it is time to do a similar reevaluation on higher and broader levels; possibly our Grand Lodge needs to rethink our charter and purpose.

Our institutions must answer the needs of the younger generation if we are to grow and survive. It is an issue of funding, but it is also an issue of getting new blood. Our lodges are presently seeing an increase in the number of younger candidates; however, we must move and change to keep their interest, to support them and their families, and contribute to our communities in a very positive fashion. We need to find ways to involve these new members and their families in the fraternity. This is not a small task, and not one that can be delegated to a single person. Your thoughts and ideas are appreciated and needed! Please give us your input.

Fraternally,
Richard Metzler, SW Elect



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From The South

Brethren,

One of the real joys of our Masonic fraternity is the camaraderie we share. This companionship is built in a variety of ways including our lodge meetings and the fellowship time which follows them, working together on social service projects, and traveling together to attend inspections at other lodges.

Inspection season will be upon us soon and I have taken on the task of coordinating our attendance and arranging carpooling. There are no inspections scheduled in December, but there are eight in January (including our own on January 29, 2009). The first is the inspection of Venus Lodge #152 in Mansfield on the evening of Friday, January 2, 2009. Thereafter we have Litchfield #381 (January 14), Garfield #528 (January 16), Shiloh #544 (January 19), Belville #376 (January 24), Shelby #350 (January 27), and Hanover #115 (January 28).



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If you have a large vehicle such as a minivan or larger SUV and can provide transportation to any or all of these inspections, please let me know as soon as possible. We want to provide a ride to as many brothers as we can, build our fellowship through this activity, improve our attendance at inspections, and bring home that traveling gavel on a regular basis!

Fraternally,
Eric Funston, JW Elect



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Rainbow & DeMolay

If you know me at all then you know that both Rainbow and DeMolay are very important to me. I have spent many hours giving my time to both organizations as have many others in our lodge or in our Eastern Stars. It is my goal this year to help DeMolay flourish with the help of our lodge. In addition it is my goal to assist our Eastern Stars to again become the sponsors of our Rainbow Assembly. If we, as a Masonic family are going to be successful then we have to treat our "kids" our youth groups as our own. We must "Give It Away" through our support of both organizations. So, I am asking for your help to reach these goals.

Fraternally,
WB Douglas Shuler

Temple Company

We are still scheduled to hold the Annual Meeting of the Temple Company on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 in the dining room at 6:30 p.m.

We will be electing and installing the new Trustees and Officers of the Temple Company. Anyone wishing to serve the Temple Company should make his wishes known to one of the Current Trustees, Douglas Shuler, Richard Metzler, Carl Caulderhead, or Bob Mack. Please come out and join us.

Fraternally,
WB Douglas Shuler, President



OUR HOME (continued)

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Shrine Window

As with lodge, the installation season is upon us. Our Clubs and Units are advancing their lines and performing the installation ceremonies. We have 19 clubs and 19 units in the Al Koran family, and most of the installations will involve Divan Members.

As with our lodges, times are changing for the Shrine also. We have the same membership and financial issues as our Masonic Lodges. The Shrine was originally formed to bring the fun into Masonry, and we need to revitalize that theme! If you look at the process of aging, we move from active somewhat naive teenagers, into the vitality of our youthful maturing adult hood with the capability of partying for hours or days without stopping. This evolves into the more restrained activities of the mature family oriented adult and eventually into the more sedate activities of the family elders. The Shrine as with our Masonic lodges must have activities for all of these age groups. This is the focus of our present Divan Line.

Unlike our Masonic lodges, which are governed by State Grand Lodges, the Shrine is governed by an international body in North America, referred to as the Imperial Council located in Tampa Florida. This is good from the standpoint that Shrine rules and regulations are uniform across Canada, the USA, Mexico and Panama; and enables us to properly support and govern our Shrine Hospitals. It does present some issues relative to coordination of activities consistent with the several Grand Lodges.

Our activities for the upcoming year include a Mardi Gras Festival, a trip to Las Vegas, a Spring Dance, and of course our Hospital Golf Outing. These will be accented by our usual Potentate's Ball, Fish Fry's, Spaghetti dinners and Steak Fry's. But more on that later!

Fraternally,
Richard Metzler, Assistant Rabban

Medina Commandery No. 84

Greetings to all Sir Knights and Ladies:

Since the Installation of the new core of Officers in June, we have been learning our parts for our upcoming inspection on Saturday, February 7, 2009 at 2:P.M, in the Wadsworth Temple. We need all of the help we can get from the Sir Knights of Medina Commandery to fill in missing parts and to participate in the drills.

Rehearsal dates for the "Full Form Opening" are scheduled for December 8th and January 12th. Rehearsals for the "Order of The Temple" have been set for December 22nd and January 26th. All rehearsals commence at 7:P.M. in the Medina Temple.

Your continued support of Medina Commandery is needed and appreciated. Thank you.

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Medina Masonic Temple Calendar

December 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Medina Rainbow Stated Meeting 7:00 p.m.	2 Medina DeMolay Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.	3	4 Medina Lodge Installation Practice 7:00 p.m.	5	6 Medina Lodge Installation Dinner 6:00p.m. Ceremony 7:00p.m.
7	8 Medina Commandery Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.	9 Medina O.E.S. Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.	10	11 Medina Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.	12	13
14	15 Medina Rainbow Stated Meeting 7:00 p.m.	16 Medina DeMolay Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Medina O.E.S. Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.	24	25  Merry Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31			